

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS: 24 MAY 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE11/0425) Program 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Cash asked:

Has any damage been caused to the facility as a consequence of detainee actions;
What action was taken against those who caused the damage?

Answer:

There have been instances where damage has been caused by clients at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation. Sanctions, commensurate with the circumstances surrounding the damage, may be imposed as part of a behaviour management plan. These can include suspension of privileges such as internet access or excursions, as well as possible criminal charges. Destructive behaviour can also impact on a person's eligibility for a community detention placement.